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Subject: FW: CGC STORIS to be tested for PCBs
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Attachments: [Will be sampling for PCBs.pdf](#)
[army barge.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Noggle, Ms. Olin, and Mr. Picardi;

The Mexican authorities are reportedly (<http://www.ensenada.net/noticias/nota.php?id=32118> < <http://www.ensenada.net/noticias/nota.php?id=32118> >) intending to sample for PCBs in the ex-Storis, which departed the SBRF on October 25, 2013 for disposal in Mexico. The ex-Storis was allowed by US federal officials to be exported without documentation that demonstrated the vessel met the TSCA PCB export ban. In addition, to our knowledge, federal officials involved in the transfer, and the company which exported the vessel, did not follow OECD regulations for the transfer of hazardous waste between the United States and Mexico. We request the US EPA liaison with their Mexican counterparts to ensure the sampling is done to U.S. protocols and standards. If the vessel does not meet the 50 ppm threshold, we request that EPA work with other executive branch agencies and departments to bring the illegal export back to the United States for ultimate disposal. If the EPA requires technical assistance to ensure the sampling that takes place in Mexico meets the 1995 Draft Guidance protocols and analytical methodology, which is the baseline that U.S. ship recycling firms must follow to demonstrate the 50 ppm threshold, please let us know.

In addition, it has come to our attention that the floating processor barge structure, Bering Star, docked adjoining the ex-Storis, is an old Army barge built in 1942. The Bering Star underwent a toxic fire in early November in the ship breaking facility. The Curial facility is in an area of the Ensenada Port which, according to news articles, adjoins the Ensenada Municipal Beach. The Bering Star, and it's sister vessel, Artic Star, a 1965 US build, were both sold for scrap by the U.S. firm, Icicle Seafoods, through the broker, Marcon International.

Below are links to two additional stories on the initial raid of the ex-Storis which have appeared in the Mexican press:

http://www.milenio.com/bajacalifornia/Montan-operativo-contaminacion-radiactiva-Ensenada_0_197380481.html

<http://www.lacronica.com/EdicionEnLinea/Notas/Policiaca/03112013/771365-Espera-turno-barco-para-desmantelarlo.html>

I will call Mr. Noggle later today to discuss these new developments as well as the status of the sampling on the m/v Cecile Erickson.

Thank you.

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